from leaders of political parties, State Governments, Members of Parliament and also from general public. Ministers in charge of the rural developments of the states and Members of Parliament were invited to participate in the discussions held for finalization of the guidelines. MPs and MLAs are chairman and members of the state level and district level vigilance and monitoring committees.

In a State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee, Minister Rural Development Departments of the concerned State is the Chairman. Four MPs from Lok Sabha, 1 MP from Rajya Sabha and 5 MLAs are its members. In a District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee, the Chairman is Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) elected from the districts and nominated by the Ministry of Rural development. All MPs (Lok Sabha) of the district and one MP (Rajya Sabha) representing the State and exercising option to be associated with the district level committee of that district are the members of the committee and are designated as its co-chairman. All MLAs of the district are the members of the committee.

MPs of the districts identified in Ist phase were requested by the Minister, Rural Development to participate at least in on meeting of Gram Sabha. The Chief Ministers were also requested to advise the MPs and MLAs to address the Gram Sabhas in the districts of their choice.

Requests from Karnataka for financial assistance under SGSY

3465. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has requested for financial assistance under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) for increase of agricultural productivity, Dairy Development, empowerment of BPL Families, socio-economic development of shepherds and wool weavers, providing marketing facilities, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and Center's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) 41 proposals

have been received so far by Government from the Government of Karnataka for financial assistance under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) for various objectives including increase of agricultural productivity, Dairy Development, empowerment of BPL Families, socio-economic development of shepherds and wool weavers, providing marketing facilities, etc. Out of 41 proposals, 5 proposals were approved and 27 proposals were returned to State Government as they were not found in accordance with the SGSY Guidelines. The remaining 9 proposals are under different stages of considerations and are being processed as per the laid down procedures.

Training for unemployed rural youth

3466. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a pilot scheme has been launched for providing training to unemployed rural youths for developing demand driven skill in them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the districts in the country, State-wise where this scheme has been launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) A Special Project under Swaranjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) to be implemented by Council for Advancement of People's Action & Rural Technology (CAPART) had been launched to impart training to one lakh unemployed rural youth belonging to the below poverty line households at a cost of Rs. 1200.21 lakhs covering 50 districts in 22 States. The districts proposed to be covered as per original proposal approved for implementation are indicated in the statement enclosed. (*See* below) A similar project for training of 35,000 rural unemployed youth in 7 States covering the Districts indicated in the enclosed statement, has also been sanctioned with a total cost of Rs. 14 crore to be implemented by Dr. Reddy's Foundation as a public private partnership venture. Both these projects aim to impart demand driven skill development training to unemployed rural youth to increase their employability and chances of placement.